1		2	3	4	5	6	7
			LSHS/HHS.				
1.	Transport	12	2	3	3	–83.3	50.0
2.	Plantation/Food	40	27	32	20	–32.5	18.5
3.	Power Generation (Utilities)	1676	1624	1747	1340	–3.1	7.6
4.	Industry	2366	2258	2246	1962	–4.6	–0.5
5.	Misc. Services	72	141	161	138	95.8	14.2
	TOTAL: (1+2+3+4+5)	4166	4052	4189	3463	–2.7	3.4

* Provisional

[English]

Brain Drain

*549. SHRI SYDAIAH KOTA:

SHRI L. RAMANA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a marked increase in the flight of middle-level and experienced personnel from Indian Space Research Organisation to foreign countries and private organisations;

(b) if so, the number of such personnel who resigned during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to check this brain drain and the position of filling up posts becoming thus available so that the programme and activities of Indian Space Research Organisation do not suffer ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Scientists/Engineers leaving Indian Space Research Organisation is not a totally new phenomenon as there have been resignations in the past also. However, in the recent past, there has been an increase in the number of persons leaving the organisation. Personal reasons have been cited by the persons, while leaving the organisation.

(b) The number of Scientists/Engineers who have resigned during the last 3 years is given below:

1994	—	59
1995	—	114
1996	—	142

(c) Increased housing facilities, further opportunities for academic and related activities including further studies, enhancement of interface between Scientists and industry are among the steps proposed to check the brain drain. The posts vacated by them are being filled based on the assessment of programmatic requirements.

Auction of Papers of Mahatma Gandhi

*550. SHRI SHIVANAND H. KOUJALGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the question raised in the British House of Commons sometimes in November, 1995 by the convenor of Indo-British Parliamentary Forum, as reported in Hindu dated 9.11.96, to ban the auction of papers of Mahatma Gandhi by Phillips auctioneers and to return them to the 'Navjeevan Trust' set up by Mahatma Gandhi; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to retrieve these valuable papers for return to the Navjeevan Trust ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) and (b) information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Foreign Debt

*551. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN:

DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign debt on the country as on March 31, 1997, Country-wise and agency-wise;

(b) the per capita foreign debt of the country as on March 31, 1997;

(c) the amount of interest paid during each of the last three years upto March 31, 1997;

(d) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to reduce the burden of foreign debt of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?